



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Matt Chapman

Email: 76325-38296258@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The Chicago Department of Aviation ("CDA") is in receipt of your clarified and narrowed Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received in our office on July 1, 2019. In your FOIA request, you state the following:

*Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:
A copy of all intergovernmental agreements.*

In response to your request, the FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

I am requesting clarification as to what you are seeking. Because of the broadness of the phrasing for "all intergovernmental agreements" without including any time frame or specification regarding the other governmental entities for which you are seeking intergovernmental agreements, the requested documents would be too voluminous to produce. Additionally, you have not specified if you are seeking intergovernmental agreements related to only O'Hare International Airport, Midway International Airport, or both. Given that both airports have been in operation for so many years, to gather all agreements with other local, state and federal entities for both airports for so many years would require exponential effort to ensure complete and accurate documentation is provided in response to your request. As such, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CDA.

Therefore, it is necessary that your FOIA request be clarified and narrowed. If you would like assistance in clarifying and narrowing your request, please contact me, so that I may assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, as this portion of your FOIA request is currently drafted, the CDA is unable to respond to the request.

If you agree to clarify and narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The CDA will not be able to take any further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until such current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive such clarified and narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be considered denied.

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In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you will have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

This concludes the CDA response to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra Fried". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Fried
FOIA Information Officer